

Claims:

1. a container for transportation and/or storage of items, the container comprising an enclosure and;
5 a securing arrangement comprising an upright restraint configured to be advanced and retracted across the width of the container for holding the items in an upright orientation; and/or,
10 access provided through an uppermost portion and end portion of the container, and an access arrangement comprising a movable side panel proximate an end of the container; and/or;
15 a plurality of spaced slide elements extending in the direction of the width of the container, in the region of the bottom of the container.
2. a container according to claim 1, wherein the container is of frame construction.
3. a container according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the container has one or more
20 openable or open ends.
4. a container according to any preceding claim having a closed end panel.
5. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the container has an openable
25 or open top.
6. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the side panel proximate the access permitting end of the container is movable to open the end side portion of the
30 container.
7. a container according to claim 6, wherein the side panel is movable by being pivotable.

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8. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein side panels on opposed sides of the container are movable to open respective end side portions of the container.
- 5 9. a container according to claim 8, wherein the movable side panels on opposed sides of the container are positioned proximate opposed ends of the container.
- 10 10. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein a lower portion of the container includes frame openings for receiving tines of lifting apparatus.
- 10 11. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the upper and lower portions of the container are provided with stacking formations enabling stacking of containers one on top of another.
- 15 12. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the upright restraint of the securing arrangement extends in an upright orientation for the major extent of the height of the container.
- 20 13. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the securing arrangement includes support means mounting the upright restraint, and facilitating ease of movement of the upright restraint in the width direction of the container.
- 25 14. a container according to claim 13, wherein the upright restraint is supported to be movable on a rotatable support arrangement, such as wheels, rollers or the like, and/or constrained to move along a track or the like.
- 15 15. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein a lock arrangement is provided for locking the upright restraint at a selected position across the width of the container.
- 30 16. a container according to claim 15, wherein the lock arrangement includes a series of spaced lock position locators for locking the upright restraint at one or more of a defined series of positions across the width of the container.

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17. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the upright restraint carries at least one contact member for contacting the adjacent item in the container.
- 5 18. a container according to claim 17, including an adjustment arrangement for urging the contact member into securing engagement with the adjacent item in the container.
19. a container according to claim 17 or claim 18, wherein the contact member is angularly reorientatable/adjustable relative to the upright restraint.
- 10 20. a container according to any of claims 17 to 19, wherein the contact member comprises a flexible or resilient contact layer for contacting the adjacent item in the container.
- 15 21. a container according to any of claims 17 to 20, wherein a contact member arrangement includes upper and lower contact members carried by the upright restraint.
22. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein a contact member or members is mounted to the container spaced from and facing the upright restraint.
- 20 23. a container according to claim 22, wherein the contact members carried by the container are angularly adjustable with respect to the container.
24. a container according to any of claims 17 to 23, wherein one or more contact members are height adjustable/reorientatable with respect to the container.
- 25 25. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein slide elements are provided at opposed sides of the upright restraint.
- 30 26. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein a slide element is provided across the access permitting end of the container.

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27. a container according to claim 25 or claim 26, wherein the slide element includes a hard and/or friction reduced surface layer promoting sliding of the items during loading or unloading.
- 5 28. a container according to any preceding claim, wherein the container includes a securing element arranged to lie in engagement with the underside of the items in the container.
- 10 29. a container according to any preceding claim for transportation and/or storage of a plurality of sheet items in upright orientation.
30. a container according to any preceding claim for transportation and/or storage of a plurality of glass sheets in upright orientation.
- 15 31. a container according to any preceding claim containing a number of differently configured vehicle windscreens.
- 20 32. in combination, a container according to any preceding claim containing a number of sheet items in upright orientation, the container being mounted atop a further container including side doors permitting accessing of the interior of the further container.